been prescribed for running a school. Is any such minimum prescribed for Kannada schools also?

Mr. M. SULTAN MOHIYUDDIN.—Yes. Only in the case of Depressed Class schools, some concession is shown.

Mr. T. M. SABJU SAB.—What is that concession?

Mr. M. SULTAN MOHIYUDDIN.—The minimum in their case is slightly reduced.

Construction of a Bridge on Channapatna-Halagur Road.

Q.—151. **Mr. M. SUBBA RAO** (Channapatna—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that between the 5th and 6th mile-stones on the Channapatna-Halagur Road there are four streamlets by name Gadanganahalla which are side by side and that during the rainy season nearly four to five furlongs of this road will be under causing a lot of inconvenience to the passengers, carts, cars and buses passing on this road;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a number of petitions in the matter of constructing a bridge over these *hallas* had been addressed to the Dewan, the District Board President, the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Commissioner for the last four years, and the subject was discussed at length in the Taluk and District Conferneces also;

(*c*) whether there is any correspondence dealing with the subject;

(*d*) if so, whether it will be possible for them to construct this bridge and obviate the inconveniences to traffic?

A—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) Representations have been made regarding the bad condition of this road.

(*b*) The subject has been discussed at the Taluk and District Conferences.

(*c*) No. But proposals for widening the tank-bunds and deviation of the road have been investigated

(*d*) Yes, if the District Board is prepared to bear the cost of the bridge, which is roughly estimated at Rs. 15,000.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—Were not representations made to Government for the construction of a bridge over these streamlets?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I do not think so.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—A representation was made on 1st September 1938 and an assurance was given by the Chief Engineer that the Executive Engineer would be requested to examine the question. Are not the Government aware of it?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—The Chief Engineer might be aware of it, but Government are not.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—Five or six representations have been made in respect of this matter and all of them have been acknowledged by the department. Such being the case, how can the Government say that they are not aware of any representations having been made?

Mr. M G. MEHKRI.—The Chief Engineer might have acknowledged receipt of the petitions. But there has been no correspondence between the Chief Engineer and the Government in the matter.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—Have the Government made enquiries whether the District Board is prepared to bear the cost of the bridge?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—What reply has the District Board given?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—No reply has yet been received.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—Do the Government expect to get a reply early and is the work likely to be taken up soon?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, if the District Board agrees to bear the cost.

Mr. M. SUBBA RAO.—Will the Government remind the District Board and ask for an early reply?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Yes.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Is the District Board expected to contribute the entire amount of Rs. 15,000 or only a half of it?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—It is a district fund road and so the entire cost of the bridge should be borne by the District Board.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Are the Government aware that the District Board has not funds to that extent?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—That is a different matter. If the District Board is earnest about the bridge, it should try and collect the amount.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—If the District Board pleads inability to find all that amount, how are the Government going to dispose of this question?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We shall decide the question on its merits.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—In case the District Board finds itself unable to contribute the amount, cannot the Government execute the work and help the people?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—I am sorry I can hold out no such assurance.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Then, is the scheme to be abandoned altogether?

Mr. K. V ANANTARAMAN.—If it comes to that, we shall make some suggestions to the District Board in the matter.

Muslim and Non-Muslim Pupils attending various grades of Schools.

Q.—160. **Mr. G. R. AMEER JAN** (Gundlupet *cum* Chamarajnagar *cum* Nanjangud *cum* T. Narsipur *cum* Yelandur, Mahomedan—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of boys attending Urdu and Kannada Primary and Middle Schools and comparative strength of Muslim and Non-Muslim students in the High Schools of the State?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. J. Appaji Gowda).**—

Information is furnished below.—

		No. of boys.
Primary Schools—		
Kannada	...	1,78,474
Urdu	...	20,121
Middle Schools—		
Kannada	...	42,348
Urdu		3,092
High Schools—		
Muslims	...	904
Non-Muslims	...	11,246

Levy of Meter Hire by the Electrical Department.

Q.—163. **Mr. M. N. JOIS** (Mysore City—Urban).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount of meter hire collected in the Electrical Department for the past five years;

(*b*) the price paid by the department for the meters installed in these years and their number?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).**—

(*a*) and (*b*).—The total number of meters in service and the total meter-hire collected each year were—

Year	No. of meters in service at the end of the year	Total cost	Meter hire collected
		Rs.	Rs.
1936-37	32,916	4,00,597	36,588
1937-38	35,730	4,34,144	41,153
1938-39	39,420	4,80,609	44,633
1939-40	42,523	5,21,466	49,045
1940-41	45,263	5,58,499	51,236

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—Of the total number of meters which are in service, may I know how many relate to new installations and how many to old installations?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—Does the total cost given in the answer include establishment charges also?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—What is the actual cost per meter?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.

Mr. M. N. JOIS.—The department has purchased a number of meters and knows what price has been paid for them. So, the information I want is the price paid for those meters which are in actual service, more than what has been paid for all the meters together, some of which may be merely lying in the Stores.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—The member's attention is invited to the question relating to the total number of meters in service and the total cost paid therefor.